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GAMBLING COMMISSION

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TO: Card Room Licensees

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN CARD ROOMS

During routine visits to card rooms, our special agents have observed suspected illegal gambling activities, such as bookmaking. We have also received information that some owners and/or employees may have participated in such activities. We presently have ongoing investigations involving individuals who frequent licenses premises and appear to use them as a base of operations.

I want to remind you of your responsibility as a licensee to immediately report and stop such activities. At the same time, I want to solicit your help. If you observe or suspect illegal activities occurring at your premises or any other location, please contact the nearest Commission field office without delay and we will investigate the matter.

I also want to reiterate that the Gambling Commission has a zero tolerance policy regarding illegal activities, especially at licensed premises. Our special agents will continue to have an active presence at card rooms in order to monitor compliance with agency rules and regulations. These visits will not always be announced. We will aggressively pursue any suspected cases of bookmaking or other illegal activities and will work closely with local law enforcement agencies to eradicate such activities. If you or your employees are involved in the illegal activities or allow them to continue at your business, we will have no choice but to take appropriate actions, which may result in the loss of your licenses, and/or being prosecuted for unlawful actions.

Thank you for your past cooperation. I look forward to working with you to assure that all gambling activities are conducted in a lawful manner. Together we can provide an operating environment that fosters the highest possible level of integrity for authorized gambling activities and discourages illegal activities.

Sincerely,

Rick Day
Executive Director

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